

[Mr. A. Hoogwerf.]

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): I want to know whether the law has been amended. I wish to know whether that Section of the law does not entitle a Petty Officer drawing Rs. 20 and above to search houses in the absence of an amendment of the Regulation.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Petty Officers have to be empowered under the Regulation.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Can any notification override any departmental circular or the section of a regulation without its being amended in this Council.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No.
Audit and Appropriation Report.

122. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether an annual Audit and Appropriation Report is being prepared in the Financial Secretariat, and if so, from what year?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to order:

(i) the reports for the years 1096 and 1097 being published in the Gazette at once and further reports being so published regularly as soon as they are prepared; and

(ii) copies of the same being supplied to the members of the Legislative Council?

(c) If no such report has been prepared till now, will the Government be pleased to order its preparation every year in future and its publication in the Gazette?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (a) A report called the Audit and Appropriation Report was prepared by the Account Officer in 1097, on the accounts of the year 1096 and was issued to Heads of Departments. Government having recently ordered the preparation of two reports, one called the Audit Report and the other the Appropriation Report, two separate reports have been prepared by the Account Officer on the accounts of 1097. The Appropriation Report has been printed. The Audit Report is in the Press.

(b) and (c) Government do not deem it necessary to publish the reports in the Gazette. Copies of the Appropriation Report relating to the accounts from 1097 have been supplied to the members of the Council.

College Admissions.

123. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applicants during the current academic year, to each of the groups in the Intermediate and B. A. classes;